The Fall of Lima.

Lima has fallen. The Peruvian capital has been captured by the Chilians after a fierce battle in the suburbs, and the victors can now dictate terms of peace to the vanquished. At the commencement of the triangular contest between Chili and the allied republics of Bolivia and Peru in April, 1879, the population of Chili was only about equal to that of Bolivia, while Peru's was considerably larger than that of either. The standing armies of the allies were double Chili's. The navy of Peru was powerful in contrast with that of her opponent. Nearly every civilized nation had an interest in the products of her mines and her niter and guano beds, and might be relied on to advance money liberally and to impeds the success of her antagonist.

It was doubtless these considerations that induced her to support Bolivia in her breach of treaty with Chili with regard to the Atacama niter beds and the guano deposits of the Bay of Mejillones, By a treaty, ratified in '74, both republics were to share equally the guano deposits, and for 24 years the Chilians were guaranteed the liberty of exporting niter and other minerals from between the latitudes of 23 and 24 without an increase of export duty.

On the alleged failure of the Chilian contractors to comply with the terms of their bargains, the Bolivian Congress, in February 1878, laid an export duty of ten cents per 100 pounds, upon the Chilian exports of niter. The protests of Chili were disregarded, and the plucky little republic at once seized upon Antofagasta, the chief Bolivian port from which the nitrates were exported. Peru, jealous of the spirited rivalry of Chili in the fertilizer trade, sided with the Bolivia, in the confident expectations of an easy victory and a monopoly of the niter and guano resources of the country. Chili, not a whit daunted, promptly declared war against this new enemy, anxious to defer hostilities until she had made better preparations for the contest.

From the outset the armies of the Chilians have been uniformly successful on land, and, with the exception of the early brilliant achievements of the Peruvian iron clad Huascar, and a few losses from torpedoes, their fleet has been equally victorious at sea. While their army pushed vigorously northward, gaining victory after victory and forcing the defeated Bolivians to seek shameful safety in their own country, the fleet devastated the Peruvian coast and levied heavy contributions on its panic-struck inhabitants. Their brilliant successes, crowned by the triumph of January 17, considering the poverty of their resources and the small number of their population, place the Chilians high among the military nations of the world, and give them the begomony, or leadership, all of the South American Republics.

A few mouths ago an attempt was made through the mediation of the United States, to conclude a peace between the belligerents, but as the Chilians insisted on the cession to them of the territory of Atacama, about which the dispute arose, as well as on a pecuniary compensation for the expenses of the war, the consequently rejected. Although many of the wealthiest provinces of Peru are east of the Andes, and therefore still untouched by the ravages of war, yet there is little doubt that peace will be soon forced upon the humiliated people. After the additional outlay and bloodshed the terms imposed by the victors will be hardly less severe than those formerly offered, and will probably include the cession by Peru of the Province of Tarapaca, with its great mineral and fertilizer wealth, in addition to the annexation of the part of Atacama claimed by Bolivia, together with several Peruvian seaports.

Such an agreement would give to Chili almost an entire monopoly of the vast nitrate resources of South America and a preponderating share of its guano wealth, and must therefore be of interest to the agriculture of the world. Foreign nations, however, may interfere in the settlement of the terms of peace, in defence of the interests of their subjects, who have made large loans to Peru on the security of her nitrate and guano deposits. There is a report in this city that a syndicate of wealthy speculators have within the last month concluded an agreement with Peru by which they obtain entire control of all her guano deposits for a term of twenty years for twenty million dollars, five millions of which have already been paid. Should the report prove correct, as Americans we may rejoice that our citizens have superseded the English in control of this lucrative business; but as farmers we shall probably have no cause for exultation, as experience has taught us that American capitalists are as eager as the greediest foreigners to wring the greatest profit from the American farmer.

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